

The Rear Admiral Samuel Eliot Morison Naval History Scholarship

Closing Date for Applications: 31 May 2021

Submit all materials electronically to NHHC_Fellowships@navy.mil by 31 May 2021. Awards decisions will be made no later than 30 June 2021.

Hard copy materials can be sent to:

Naval History and Heritage Command
ATTN: Senior Advisory Historian, Grants and Fellowships
805 Kidder Breese SE
Washington, D.C. 20374-5060

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1. The Director, Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC), is calling for applications for the Rear Admiral Samuel Eliot Morison Naval History Supplemental Scholarship for the academic year. Named in honor of the late Rear Admiral Samuel Eliot Morison, USNR, an eminent naval and maritime historian and winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the purpose of the scholarship is to promote the development of a broad understanding of naval history within the American national experience. Historical knowledge is an invaluable tool to place current issues in context and for leaders to make sound decisions.
2. Scholarship Background – The scholarship provides a \$5,000 cash award to one active duty commissioned officer of the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps with demonstrated leadership potential and high academic qualifications who is already pursuing graduate study in history, international relations, or a related field. The award is to help pay for expenses related to research, travel, and the purchase of books or other educational materials. Research that applies the lessons of naval history to provide insights for the analysis of Great Power Competition and challenges facing the current Navy is preferred but not required.
3. Applications – Any officer desiring to compete for the Morison Supplemental Scholarship to be awarded for study beginning in the fall, should submit a letter of application via their commanding officer to the e-mail or physical address listed above. All application packages should provide the following information:

- a. university or staff college currently attending or to which application has been made and current status of that application,
- b. copy of officer biography,
- c. a statement that includes an outline of the proposed education program, degree, and major,
- d. a copy of all official college/university transcripts,
- e. a statement not to exceed 500 words concerning the relationship of the Morison Scholarship to the applicant's interests and the value to be derived by both the applicant and the Navy/Marine Corps,
- f. commanding officer's endorsement.

4. Selection of the finalists will be based on the following criteria:

- a. relevance of the chosen area of study to U.S. naval history,
- b. demonstrated professional performance with particular emphasis on the officer's specialty,
- c. academic ability,
- d. potential for professional growth.

5. Taxes – For the tax implications of the award, recipients should consult the Internal Revenue Service and their state revenue offices or their tax advisors. Recipients will be required to report their social security numbers before receiving payments.